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TASK FORCE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a task force to assess the status of scientific research and training in universities and point out different areas of concern ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition and terms of reference of the task force;

(d) the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to Government by this Task Force; and

(e) the amount sanctioned by the Government for the said purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): The Central Government, on 22nd March, 2005, has constituted a Task Force for basic scientific research in Universities,consisting of the following;

1. Prof. M.M.Sharma

2. Prof. G.Mehta, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

3. Dr. Kota Harinarayana, Vice Chancellor,University of Hyderabad.

4. Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, Vice Chancellor,University of Madras,Chennai.

5. Prof.P.Rama Rao, ARCI, Hyderabd.

6. Prof. Ved Prakash, Secreatary,UGC

The terms of reference of the Task Force are:-

i) To make an assessment of the present status of scientific research & training in Universities and to determine the areas of concern.

ii) To suggest solutions and strategies to retrieve and enhance the excellence of Universities in the area of scientific research and training.

iii) To make an assessment of the resources required both in physical terms to implement these solutions and its modalities.

(d); The Task Force is likely to submit its report shortly.